

TOWN OF BRANFORD Community Forest Commission

MINUTES October 18 , 2018

Meeting convened by co-chair Louise LaMontagne. Present: were co-chair, Nancy Mancini, Dan Fitzgerald, Doug Welch, Diana Ross : Tree Warden . Absent : Shirley McCarthy

- 1) Minutes approved from 9 / 20 / 2018 by Dan Fitzgerald, seconded by Nancy Mancini.
- 2) Ordinance was reviewed and approved by members. Diana will make a few corrections and then Louise, Nancy and Diana will present it to the First Selectman.
- 3) A letter was sent to Planning and Zoning on October 14<sup>th</sup> expressing our concern over the removal of a significant red oak on the development property at 250 N.Main Street and it's replacement under Section 6.3.C.5 in the regulations. Diana brought up there are not significant protections in place for trees in the P&Z regulations. She handed out information on proper ways to protect trees on construction sights. This will be something we will discuss with Harry Smith/ Chuck Andres. Doug mentioned that Milford's Tree Commission reviews plans with developers as part of the town's approval process, to protect existing trees and select new trees to be planted. Great idea !
- 4) New Business : Dan informed us that areas are being sought for planting blight resistant chestnut trees . Looking for acre lots, public or private property. Contact Dan for more details.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45, motion by Louise LaMontagne , seconded by Nancy Mancini.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Mancini, acting secretary

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